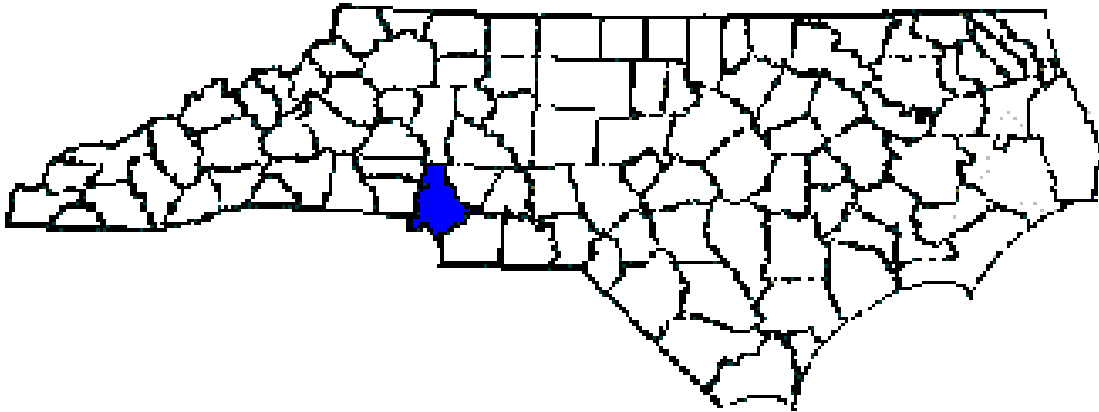


ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2007



**Unnamed Tributaries to Doby Creek Mitigation Site
Mecklenburg County
TIP No. I-3803A**



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SUMMARY

The following report summarizes the stream monitoring activities that have occurred during 2007 at the Unnamed Tributaries to Doby Creek (UT to Doby Creek) Mitigation Site in Mecklenburg County. This site was constructed during 2005 by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT). This report provides the monitoring results for the second formal year of monitoring (Year 2007). The Year 2007 monitoring period was the second of five scheduled years for monitoring on UT to Doby Creek (See Success Criteria Section 2.1).

Based on the overall conclusions of monitoring along UT to Doby Creek, it has met the required monitoring protocols for the second formal year of monitoring. The channel is stable throughout the stream at this time. The stream bank and buffer area is highly vegetated for the second year of monitoring. The North Carolina Department of Transportation will continue stream monitoring at the UT to Doby Creek Mitigation Site for 2008.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project Description

The following report summarizes the stream monitoring activities that have occurred during 2007 at the UT to Doby Creek Mitigation Site. The site is located adjacent to the southbound I-85 lanes at the US 29/49 interchange in Charlotte (Figure 1). The UT to Doby Creek Mitigation Site was constructed to provide mitigation for stream impacts associated with Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) number I-3803A in Mecklenburg County.

The mitigation project covers approximately 220 linear feet along the perennial reach and 347 linear feet along the intermittent reach. Construction was completed during 2005 by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT). Stream restoration involved the removal of 152 linear feet of culvert along the perennial reach and 170 linear feet of culvert along the intermittent reach. The restoration also involved, new channel construction along both reaches, widening the floodplain to allow for major flood events, and the installation of cross vanes and coir fiber logs. Coir fiber matting was installed on the stream bank. Live stakes and bareroot seedlings were planted along the stream bank and in the floodplain.

1.2 Purpose

In order for a mitigation site to be considered successful, the site must meet the success criteria. This report details the monitoring in 2007 at the UT to Doby Creek Mitigation Site. Hydrologic monitoring was not required for the site.

1.3 Project History

March 2005	Construction Completed.
March 2005	Planted Live Stakes and Bareroot Seedlings
August 2006	Vegetation Monitoring (1 yr.)
October 2006	Stream Channel Monitoring (1 yr.)
September 2007	Stream Channel and Vegetation Monitoring (2 yr.)

2.0 STREAM ASSESSMENT

2.1 Success Criteria

The following activities were conducted on the perennial reach. The intermittent reach will only be photographed yearly.

Cross-sections

Permanent cross-sections (either surveyed or located using GPS) will be established at a spacing of one per 20 bankfull-width lengths. Each cross-section will be marked on both banks with permanent pins to establish the exact transect used. The annual cross-section survey will include points measured at all breaks in slope, including top of bank, bankfull, inner berm, edge of water, and thalweg. Calculations will be made of width/depth ratio, entrenchment ratio, and low bank height ratio.

Pattern

Annual measurements taken for the plan view of the restoration site will include sinuosity, meander width ratio, and radius of curvature (on newly constructed meanders only for the first year of monitoring)

Materials

Annual pebble counts will be performed on all gravel-bed project reaches based on the percent of pools and riffles.

Longitudinal Profile

A complete longitudinal profile will be completed during the first year and then every two years for a total of five years (a total of 3 profiles). Measurements will include slope (average, pool, riffle) and pool-to-pool spacing. Survey points will include thalweg, water surface, inner berm, bankfull, and top of low bank. Each of these points will be taken at the head of each feature, e.g. riffle, run, pool, glide, and max pool depth.

Bank Erosion Estimates

A bank erodibility hazard index (BEHI) score will be made. An estimate of near-bank shear stress will be made by measuring the water surface slope along the observed bank length, as well as for the entire feature length, following the thalweg. Bank erosion estimates should be less than 0.1 yd³/year.

Photo Reference

Digital photographs should be taken along the perennial and intermittent reaches at permanent photo locations on an annual basis. Photographs should include photos of permanent cross-section locations, in-stream structure, success of vegetation, and any changes in the stream channel.

Survival Plots

Survival of planted vegetation will be evaluated using survival plots or counts. Survival of live stakes will be evaluated using enough plots or a size plot that allows evaluating at least 100 live stakes. Evaluations of live stake survival will continue for at least 5 years. When stakes do not survive a determination will be made as to the need for replacement; in general if greater than 25% die replacement will be done.

Bare root vegetation will be evaluated using at least 2 staked survival plots. Plots will be 50 ft. by 50 ft. and all flagged stems will be counted in those plots. Success will be defined as 320 stems per acre after 5 years. When bareroot vegetation does not survive, a determination will be made as to the need for replacement; in general, if greater than 25% die, replacement will be done.

2.2 Stream Description

2.2.1 Post-Construction Conditions

The mitigation of UT to Doby Creek involved the removal of 152 linear feet of culvert along the perennial reach and 170 linear feet of culvert along the intermittent reach. The restoration also involved, new channel construction along both reaches, widening the floodplain to allow for major flood events, and the installation of cross vanes and coir fiber logs. Coir fiber matting was installed on the stream bank. Live stakes and bareroot seedlings were planted along the stream bank and in the floodplain.

2.2.2 Monitoring Conditions

The objective of the UT to Doby Creek stream restoration was to build an E5 stream as identified in the Rosgen's Applied River Morphology. A total of two cross sections (one in a riffle and one in a pool) were surveyed. For this report, only cross sections containing riffles were used in the comparison of channel morphology presented below in Table 1. Data shown in Table 1 includes one cross section chosen to represent a riffle section.

Table 1. Abbreviated Morphological Summary (UT Doby Creek)						
Variable						
	Proposed	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
		Cross-Section #1	Cross-Section #1			
Drainage Area (mi ²)	.25	.25	.25			
Bankfull Width (ft)	11.0	11.32	11.55			
Bankfull Mean Depth (ft)	1.0	0.8	0.82			
Width/Depth Ratio	10.0	14.15	14.09			
Bankfull Cross Sectional Area (ft ²)	11.3	9.05	9.46			
Maximum Bankfull Depth (ft)	1.3	1.49	1.54			
Width of Floodprone Area (ft)	30-35	40.1	40.1			
Entrenchment Ratio	2.7-3.2	3.54	3.47			
Slope	0.024	0.0239	N/A			

*Drainage Area, Floodprone Width, and Slope are averaged values only.

*Riffle values are used for classification purposes, pool values are shown in Appendix A.

Particle Sizes (Reach Count)	Proposed	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
D ₁₆ (mm)	N/A	0.83	0.74			
D ₃₅ (mm)	N/A	1.67	1.64			
D ₅₀ (mm)	N/A	6.27	11.75			
D ₈₄ (mm)	N/A	19.85	22.19			
D ₉₅ (mm)	N/A	51.33	45			

2.3 Results of the Stream Assessment

2.3.1 Site Data

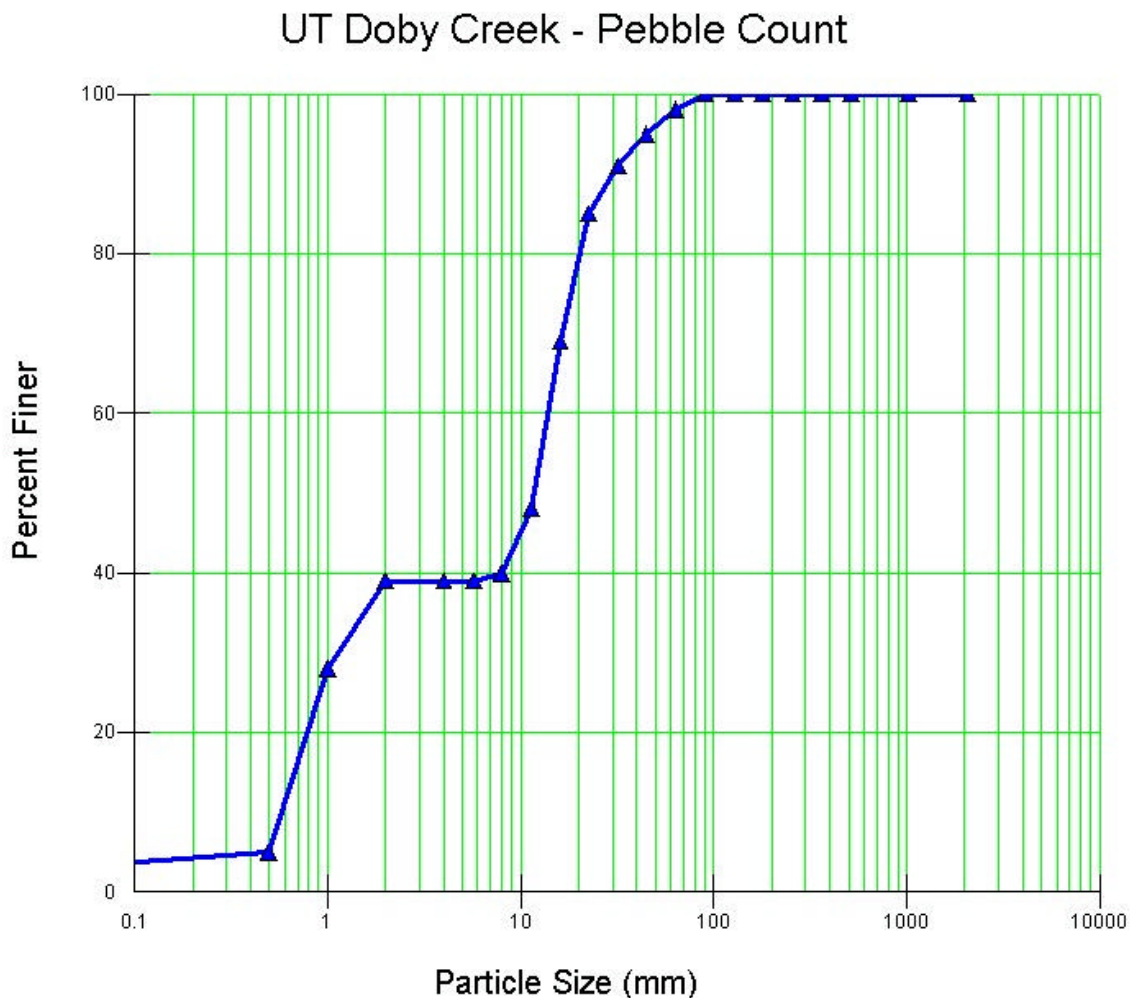
The assessment included the survey of two cross sections and the longitudinal profile of UT to Doby Creek established by the NCDOT after construction. The length of the profile along UT to Doby Creek was approximately 200 linear feet. The longitudinal profile will only be completed during monitoring years 2006, 2008, and 2010 (See Success Criteria Section 2.1). Two cross sections were established during the 2006 monitoring year. Cross section locations were subsequently based on the stationing of the longitudinal profile and are presented below. The locations of the cross sections and longitudinal profiles are shown in Appendix A.

- ◆ Cross Section #1. UT to Doby Creek, Station 25.08 linear feet, midpoint of riffle
- ◆ Cross Section #2. UT to Doby Creek, Station 62.04 linear feet, midpoint of pool

Based on comparisons of 2006 to 2007 monitoring data, both cross sections appear stable with little or no active bank erosion. Graphs of the cross sections are presented in Appendix A. Future survey data will vary depending on actual location of rod placement and alignment, however, this information should remain similar in appearance.

A representative pebble count was taken throughout the surveyed reach. This information is used to determine the stream type. Pre-construction data was not available for UT to Doby Creek. The pebble counts taken during the Year 2006 and Year 2007 monitoring period noted that the D_{50} (50 percent of the sampled population is equal to or finer than the representative particle diameter) for the entire reach of UT to Doby Creek was approximately 6.27 mm and 11.75 mm respectively, which is indicative of a gravel-bed stream.

A chart depicting the particle size distributions for UT to Doby Creek for the Year 2007 is presented below.



The bank erodibility hazard index (BEHI) and near-bank shear stress (NBS) scores were not completed in 2007 because a longitudinal profile was not completed per the permit conditions (See Success Criteria Section 2.1). The longitudinal profile is needed to complete the BEHI and NBS scores. A longitudinal profile, BEHI, and NBS will be completed in 2008 by NCDOT. Overall, the channel was highly vegetated and very stable at the time of monitoring.

2.4 Results of Stream and Buffer Vegetation

2.4.1 Description of Species

The following live stake species were planted on the stream bank:

Salix nigra, Black Willow

Cornus amomum, Silky Dogwood

The following tree species were planted in the buffer area:

Fraxinus pennsylvanica, Green Ash

Platanus occidentalis, Sycamore

Alnus serrulata, Tag Alder

Quercus phellos, Willow Oak

Betula nigra, River Birch

2.4.2 Results of Vegetation Monitoring

Stream bank Vegetation: One live stake plot was set to determine if the success criteria was being met.

Plot #	Black Willow	Silky Dogwood	Total (2 year)	Total (at planting)
1	26	74	100	100

Buffer Vegetation: Two vegetation plots were set to determine the trees per acre in the buffer area.

Plot #	Green Ash	Sycamore	Tag Alder	Willow Oak	River Birch	Total (2 year)	Total (at planting)	Density (Trees/Acre)
1	4	7	3	3	3	20	20	680
2	1	4	9	3	4	21	23	621
Average Density (Trees/Acre)								650

Site Notes: Other vegetation noted: *Juncus* sp., cattail, sedge, *Sagittaria* sp., woolgrass, jewelweed, goldenrod, fennel, red bud, and various grasses.

2.4.3 Conclusions

There was one live stake monitoring plot established along the stream bank. The 2007 live stake monitoring of the site revealed 100 live stakes were surviving within the plot. This meets the success criteria for year two monitoring.

There were two vegetation monitoring plots established throughout the buffer area. The 2007 vegetation monitoring of the site revealed an average tree density of 650 trees per acre. This average is above the minimum success criteria of 320 trees per acre after year two monitoring.

3.0 OVERALL CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

The UT to Doby Creek mitigation site has met the required monitoring protocols for the second formal year of monitoring. The channel and structures throughout the stream are stable at this time. The stream bank and buffer area is highly vegetated for the second year of monitoring. NCDOT will continue to monitor the UT to Doby Creek stream mitigation site in 2008.

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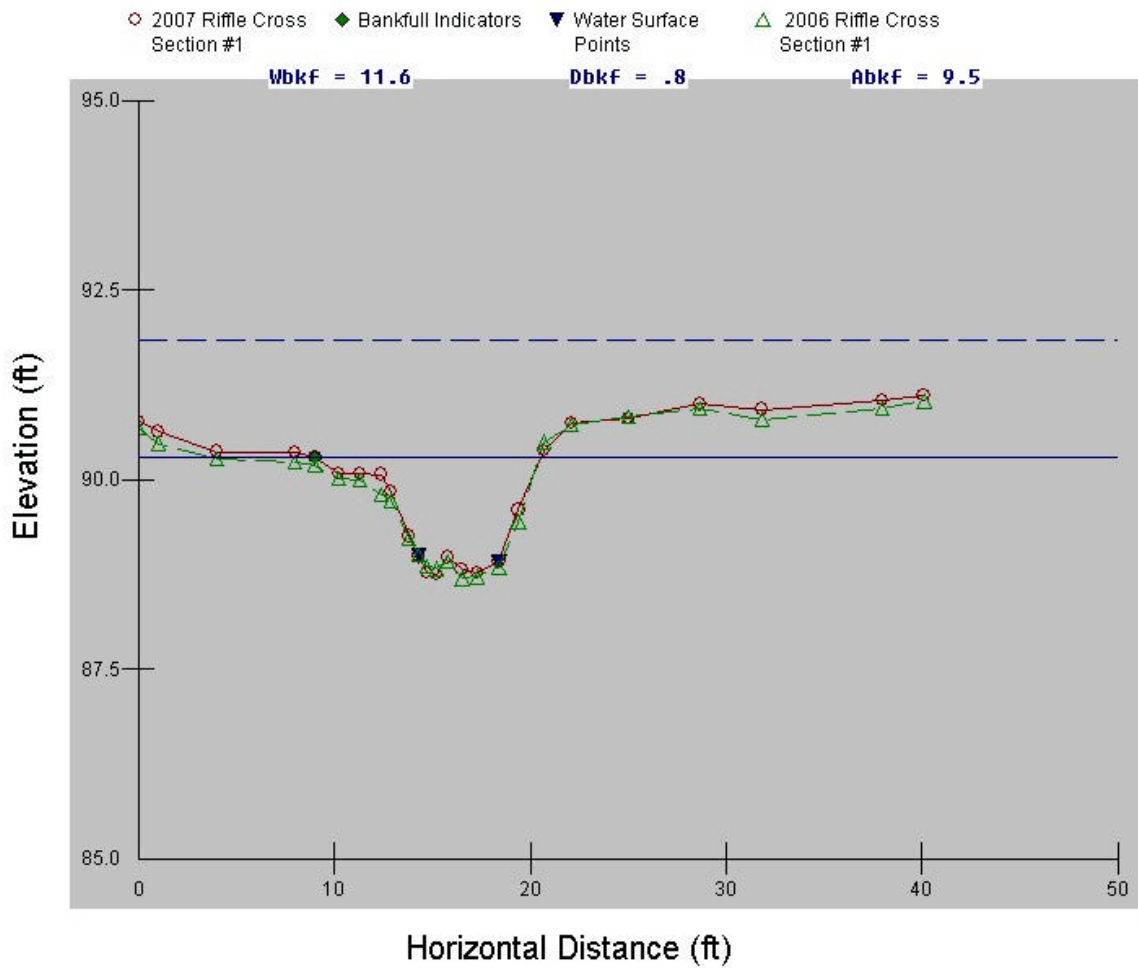
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APPENDIX A

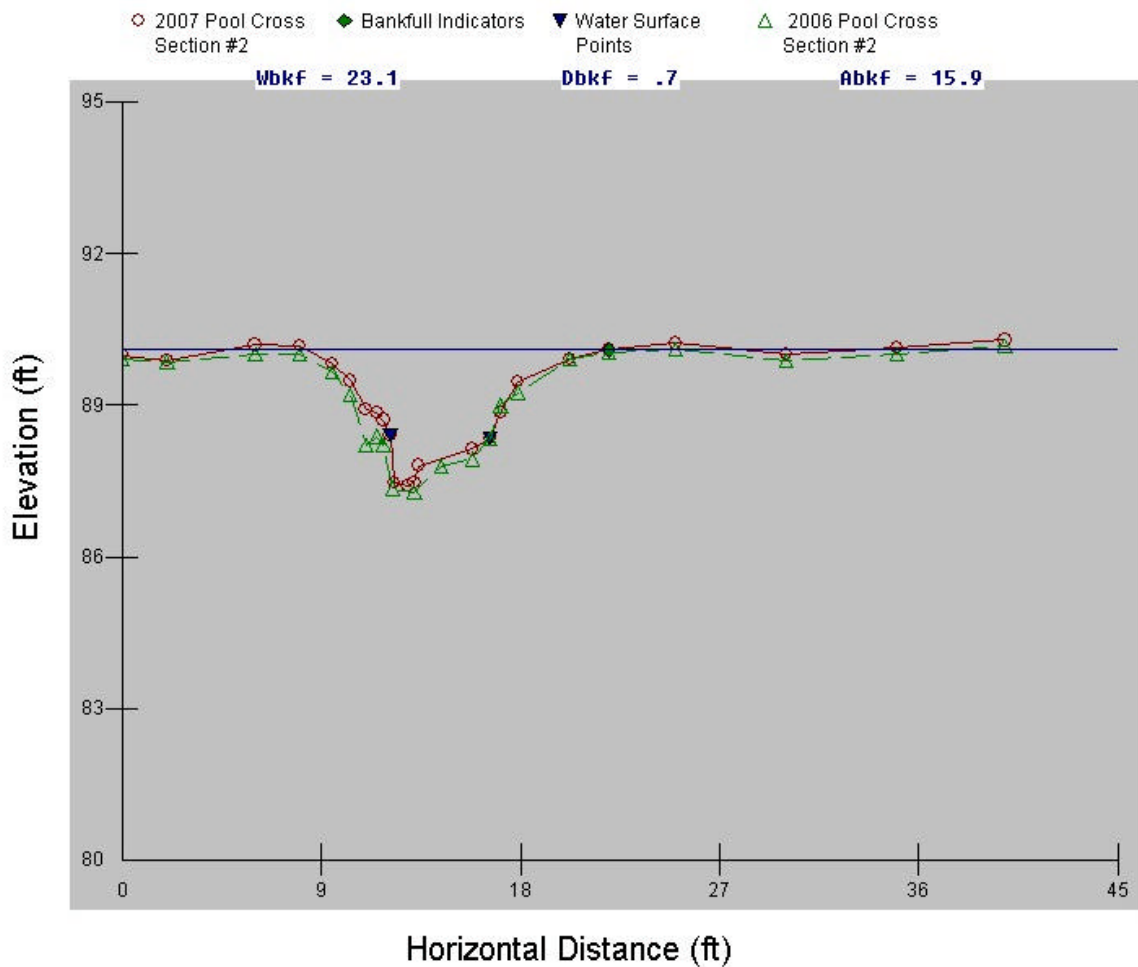
CROSS SECTION COMPARISONS

Riffle Cross Section #1



Cross-Section #1 (Riffle) Abbreviated Morphological Summary					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Bankfull Cross Sectional Area (ft ²)	9.05	9.46			
Maximum Bankfull Depth (ft)	1.49	1.54			
Width of the Floodprone Area (ft)	40.1	40.1			
Bankfull Mean Depth (ft)	0.8	0.82			
Width/Depth Ratio	14.15	14.09			
Entrenchment Ratio	3.54	3.47			
Bankfull Width (ft)	11.32	11.55			

Pool Cross Section #2



Cross-Section #2 (Pool) Abbreviated Morphological Summary*					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Bankfull Cross Sectional Area (ft ²)	16.85	15.09			
Maximum Bankfull Depth (ft)	2.75	2.7			
Bankfull Mean Depth (ft)	1.06	1.11			
Bankfull Width (ft)	15.85	13.63			

* According to the Rosgen Classification of Natural Rivers floodprone width, entrenchment ratio, and width depth ratio are not measured in pool, glide, or run features.

APPENDIX B

SITE PHOTOGRAPHS, CROSS SECTION AND

PHOTO POINT LOCATIONS

UT to Doby Creek

Perennial Reach



Photo Point #1 (Vegetation Plot 1)



Photo Point #1 (Vegetation Plot 1)



Photo Point #1 (Vegetation Plot 2)



Photo Point #2 (Upstream @ X-Section #1)



Photo Point #2 (Downstream @ X-Section #2)
September 2007



Photo Point #3 (Upstream)

UT to Doby Creek

Perennial Reach



Photo Point #3 (Downstream)

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UT to Doby Creek

Intermittent Reach



Photo Point #1 (Upstream)



Photo Point #1 (Downstream)



Photo Point #2 (Upstream)



Photo Point #2 (Downstream)



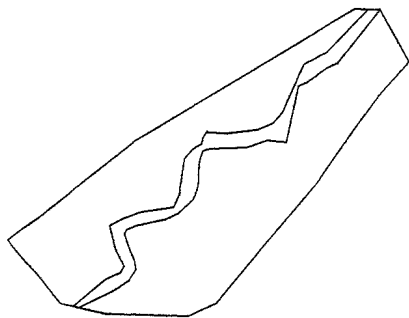
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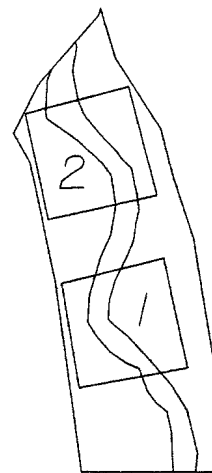


Photo Point #3 (Downstream)

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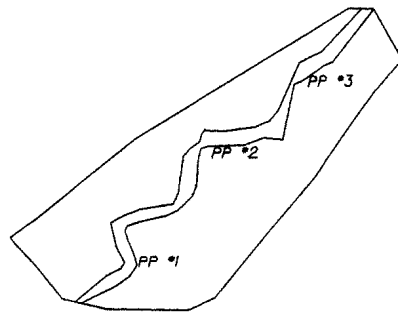
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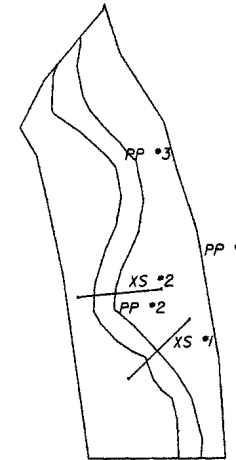
Perennial Reach

1	<i>Tree and Live Stake Plot</i>
2	<i>Tree Plot</i>

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Intermittent Reach



Perennial Reach

Legend

XS - Cross Section

PP - Photo Point